

**DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
JULY 20, 2010**

OPENING STATEMENT - Reading of "The Sunshine Law"

Louis J. Haberman, CPO/LPO, (Chair)
 Brooke Artesi, LO. CPED, (Co-Chair)
 Heikki Uustal, M.D.,
 Mildred E. Carlascio, LCO
 Michael G. Moschella, CPO/LPO, and
 Dennis O'Donnell, Public member

Deputy Attorney General Swang Oo, and
Executive Director Laura L. Anderson.

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I. APPLICATIONS REVIEW (Initial)

1. Joseph J. Lapinski Application ID # 1470303 (Prosthetist-Orthotist)

The Board reviewed the application submitted by Joseph J. Lapinski and also his submission of licensing rules and regulations from Ohio where he is an active licensee in good standing. His application was complete with the exception of the required 1,900 hours of clinical internship.

The Board reviewed the rules and regulations from Ohio and determined that Ohio's licensing standard is equivalent to the regulations licensing standard in this State.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY HEIKKI UUSTAL AND SECONDED BY MILDRED CARLASCIO, PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 13:44H-3.4 VOTED TO ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO JOSEPH LAPINSKI SO THAT HE MAY COMPLETE HIS 1,900 HOURS OF CLINICAL INTERNSHIP UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED ORTHOTIST-PROSTHETIST IN THIS STATE AND BECOME ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A REGULAR NEW JERSEY LICENSE AS AN ORTHOTIST-PROSTHETIST.

2. James Walker Application ID# 1472978 (Orthotist)

At its May 18, 2010 meeting, the Board reviewed Mr. Walker's application and was denied Orthotics licensure due to the absence of the required 1,900 hours of clinical internship.

The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Walker regarding the fulfillment of 1,900 hours of clinical internship required for licensure.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY MILDRED CARLASCIO AND SECONDED BY HEIKKI UUSTAL, VOTED TO ACCEPT THE APPLICANT'S LETTER ADVISING THE BOARD HE WILL START HIS 1,900 HOURS OF CLINICAL INTERNSHIP UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED PROSTHETIST-ORTHOTIST IN ORDER TO MEET THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE ORTHOTICS IN THIS STATE.

3. Gary Zamosky Application ID # 1399657 (Orthotist)

Gary Zamosky's application was reviewed and denied by the Board due to lack of evidence of the clinical internship requirements (1,900 hours). The Board was advised that the applicant has not responded to several reminders. The Board was also informed that

Mr. Zamosky is no longer employed by Cocco Enterprises in Trenton, New Jersey as he had indicated on his application.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY HEIKKI UUSTAL AND SECONDED BY DENNIS O'DONNELL, VOTED TO SEND A LETTER TO APPLICANT ZAMOSKY ADVISING HIM OF THE EXPIRATION OF HIS CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND RESULTS. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF HIS APPLICATION HE WILL HAVE TO RESUBMIT HIS AUTHORIZATION FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND.

4. Raphael Ogunyemi Application ID# 1487413 (Prosthetis-Orthotist Assistant)

The Board reviewed a letter from Kessler Orthotics & Prosthetics Services, Inc., and also from the applicant Raphael Ogunyemi to change his Prosthetist-Orthotist Assistant application to an application for licensure as a Prosthetist Assistant only.

The Board reviewed Mr. Ogunyemi's application as Prosthetist-Orthotist Assistant and noted that he did not meet the requirement as an orthotist assistant as his certification was not obtained through an examination given by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics ("ABC"), however, he successfully complete the examination in Prosthetics given by ABC.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY BROOKE ARTESI AND SECONDED BY MILDRED CARLASCIO, VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REQUEST FROM THE APPLICANT AND RATIFIED ITS DECISION TO ISSUE MR. OGUNYEMI LICENSURE AS A PROSTHETIST ASSISTANT ONLY.

5. Cesar Roige Application ID # 1457508

At its May 18, 2010, the Board reviewed and denied Mr. Roige's application for licensure as an Orthotist Assistant since his ABC certification was obtained through a temporary pathway that bypassed the examination process.

The Board reviewed additional information received from Mr. Roige as well as his application for licensure as an Orthotist Assistant.

UPON MOTION MADE BY HEIKKI UUSTAL AND SECONDED BY BROOKE ARTESI, THE BOARD VOTED TO DENY MR. ROIGE'S LICENSURE AS AN ORTHOTIST ASSISTANT UNTIL HE COMPLY WITH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Licensure Issues

1. Olutayo Ezekiel Sasona, Lic # 45AB 00000300

On November 9, 2009, a letter was sent to licensee Sasona advising him that his license as a Prothetist-Orthotist Assistant was erroneously issued. His ABC's certification was not obtained by passing the technician examination given by ABC. The Board suggested that Mr. Sasona complete a technician program and pass the ABC technician examination to obtain certification as required by the Board's rules and regulations.

The Board received a response from Mr. Sasona indicating that he was no longer employed and that he would notify the Board regarding his future examination scheduling.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY DENNIS O'DONNELL AND SECONDED BY MILDRED CARLASCIO, VOTED TO ISSUE A CONSENT ORDER TO PLACE MR. SASONA'S LICENSE ON HOLD UNTIL HE MEET THE REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AND CONTINUE HIS PRACTICE.

2. Thor L. Mataya, Lic #45AB00000400

Mr. Mataya's license as a Prosthetist-Orthotist Assistant was issued on September 28, 2007. The Board approved his license based upon the certification submitted by ABC on his original application. However, this certification was not obtained via the traditional examination process.

The Board reviewed a copy of his certification from ABC which confirmed that Mr. Mataya passed the Technician examination in prosthetics. The Board also acknowledged Mr. Mataya's intention to sit for the Technician examination in orthotics given by ABC on October 14, 2010.

THE BOARD ACCEPTED THIS MATERIAL AS INFORMATIONAL.

3. Alan Titleman Lic # 45OR 00003400

The Board reviewed a letter submitted by Mr. Titleman requesting the withdrawal of his license since he does not expect to see any patients in the future.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY MILDRED CARLASCIO AND SECONDED BY HEIKKI UUSTAL VOTED TO ACCEPT MR. TITLEMAN'S LICENSE WITHDRAWAL AND DETERMINED THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO LICENSEE REQUESTING THE PHYSICAL RETURN OF HIS LICENSE.

At 12:15 P.M., the Board, upon a motion made by Heikki Uustal and seconded by Dennis O'Donnell, voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Board's Regulations. The results of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, that disciplinary action will be taken in a public session immediately after the session.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson
Executive Director